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SUBJECT: STREAMLINING PROCEDURES FOR THE STRATEGIC DIALOGUE
WORKING GROUPS

During a December 12 discussion, the Ambassador discussed with FM Prince Saud Al-Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud the Embassy's proposal to eliminate the SAG requirement that the U.S. Embassy submit a diplomatic note before scheduling meetings between SAG and key U.S. Embassy officials. The Embassy's proposal is intended to make it easier for Embassy and SAG working-level officials to meet in support of the U.S.-KSA Strategic Dialogue working groups meetings. The FM noted in principle with that greater "flexibility" is needed in this area, but said further discussion is required.
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